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NOTE the change of examiner in this application.

The reply filed on 11/19/03 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):

Applicants response to the restriction filed on 11/19/03 has been fully considered and entered into the application.

Applicants have elected group I, claims 1-7, with traverse. Applicants have elected the following species: Enzyme as secreted compound; fungal and bacterial as organism; polyclonal antibodies as antibodies; and further elected enzyme of claim 2; an enzyme assay in claim 3; carbohydrase as a specific enzyme; assay for thermal stability of claim 6; fungal and bacterial as donor strain organism in claim 7. The species election of "FUNGAL AND BACTERIAL" as either organism or donor organism is not proper since applicants are requested to elect a single species of organism. Applicants are requested to elect a single species of organism, i.e., either fungus or bacteria.

Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Padmashri Ponnaluri whose telephone number is 571-272-0809. The examiner is on Flex Schedule and can normally be reached from Monday through Friday between 7 AM and 3.30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Andrew Wang can be reached at 571-272-0811. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 571-272-1600.


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